

REMARKS

Claims 1–3 and 5–59 remain in the application. The independent claims in the application are 1, 20, 29, 38, 52, and 58. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 4. No change in scope of claim 4 has been made (and thus the amended claim 1 corresponds to original claim 4). Claims 20, 29 and 57 have been amended to add the limitations of claim 4, as proposed at the interview. Claims 38 and 58, as filed, clearly include similar limitations in sub-paragraph A.

No new matter has been added.

103 Rejections

As discussed at the interview dated July 20, 2004, all independent claims now are directed to a system for generating and installing to a plurality of linked remote computers, a secure network of nodes in accord with a network definition, wherein the network definition includes node definitions, wherein each node definition includes an identification of one of the plurality of remote computers, an identification of least one software application to be installed in that remote computer, and an identification of each other node to be linked to the subject node. With the claimed structure, the system can establish a secure network (i.e. a secure communications channel) linking specific ones of the remote computers. As agreed at the interview, the cited references do not teach or suggest the structure or method of the independent claims. Accordingly, there is no proper basis for the §103 rejection of the independent claims 1, 20, 29, 38, 57 and 58 and that rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn. Further, there is now no proper basis for the outstanding §103 rejection of the dependent claims, 2-3, 5-28, and 30-58 and that rejection should now be withdrawn as well.

CONCLUSION

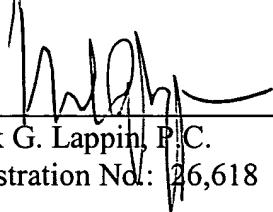
For the reasons set forth above, there is no proper basis for rejection of claims 1, 20, 29, 38, 57 and 58 and the claims dependent thereon. All outstanding rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn. All claims 1-3 and 5-59 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage to issue as requested.

No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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